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INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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FROM AMBASSADOR

AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: PL 480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS

REF: STATE 110545

1. I ASK URGENTLY THAT AID/W RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO REASSIGN 1,100 M.T. SORGHUM EARMARKED FOR WFP/GAMBIA, TO MAURITANIA. THERE ARE CURRENTLY WELL OVER 10,000 M.T. SORGHUM IN ROSSO AWAITING EVACUATION TO INTERIOR. EVACUATION PROCEEDING AT RATE OF 400 M.T./WEEKLY (MAXIMAL). ALSO, OVER 10,000 M.T. OF FAC, FED, AND OTHER-DONOR FOOD AWAIT DISPATCH AT NOUAKCHOTT PORT AREA, WITH ANOTHER 2,500 M.T. SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SHORTLY BY SEA.

GAMBIA, ON THE OTHER HAND, NEEDS THE FOOD NOW, PARTICULARLY IF WFP/BANJUL IS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN EFFECTING

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ITS TRANSPORTATION INLAND AND PREPOSITIONING PRIOR TO

RAINS. EARLIER MESSAGE ASKING FOR GUIDANCE DID NOT ANTICIPATE DECISION BY AID/W TO REALLOCATE COMMODITY. WFP/ROME MAY YET BE INDUCED TO PAY FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT COSTS, DUE INTERVENTION OF OSRO CHIEF LOGISTICS OFFICER TREVOR PAGE. IN CASE THEY DO NOT, HOWEVER, IS FFPO AUTHORIZED TO ARRANGE FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT OF CONSIGNMENT AT USG EXPENSE?

2. 4,648 M.T. OF SORGHUM DUE MALI CAN CERTAINLY BE REASSIGNED (WITH GOM CONCURRENCE) TO MAURITANIA, AND FFPO/RDO GRATEFUL FOR AID/W INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT SINCE SORGHUM WILL KEEP, AND CORN IS MORE VOLATILE, IT WOULD SEEM LOGICAL THAT FED, FAC, OR COMMERCIAL-PURCHASE CORN NOW AWAITING DISPATCH TO BAMAKO BE USED FOR THE TRANSFER, RATHER THAN TITLE II SORGHUM, PROVIDING SENGALESE/MALIAN AND MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENTS AND OF COURSE DONOR AGENCIES CONCERNED, AGREE.
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